

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated March 24, 2005. Claims 1-20 are pending in the patent application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 19 and 20 have been amended. New claims 21-26 have been added. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments made herein. Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-14, 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicant respectfully submits that at least for the reasons set forth below, the rejections have been overcome or are improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the patentability of claims 1-20 and further submit that new claims 21-26 are patentable in view of the cited art.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Office Action states that the element of a "relation data forming means" or the step of "forming relation data" is not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventors had possession of the claimed invention at the time the application was filed. Applicant has amended claims 1, 8, 9, 10, 19 and 20 to remove the relation data forming means and include an "information forming means which forms said information that supplements the programs produced from the first broadcast station." The specification provides support for the information forming means at page 8, line 7 to page 9, line 16, and page 15, lines 15-22. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under §112 has been overcome.

Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-14, 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,177,931 to Alexander et al. ("*Alexander*"). Applicant respectfully submits that *Alexander* does not disclose, teach or suggest the elements of claims 1-26 for the following reasons. *Alexander* is directed to an electronic programming guide ("EPG") that is an improvement over previous EPGs. Specifically, *Alexander* is directed to a system and method for displaying and recording control interface with television programs, video, advertising information and program scheduling information. The system in *Alexander* enables viewers to better control video recording of future scheduled programs, improves the display and navigation of programs to a viewer and provides other functions related to the scheduling and display of programs such as television programs to a viewer. In one example shown in Fig. 1, a

television display 10 displays a navigation bar 20, a grid guide 22 and an information box 24. These items display programming information and also enable a viewer to find and/or record programs on the display. Additionally, windows 12, 14 and 16 are displayed on the screen display 10. Window 12 displays a real time television program. Window 14 displays an ad for a future telecast program and window 16 displays an ad for a product or service. Each of the windows 14 and 16 are linked to additional information about the program product or service displayed in that window. (Col. 3, line 56 to column 4, line 43).

Alexander does not disclose, teach or suggest, however, a television broadcast program displayed on a display device where the television broadcast program is produced from a first broadcast station. *Alexander* also does not disclose, teach or suggest symbolic label forming means which form symbolic labels that indicate the content of supplemental information which supplements the television broadcast program displayed on the display device. Furthermore, *Alexander* does not disclose, teach or suggest a transmission means which transmits the information and the symbolic labels associated with the television broadcast program from a second broadcast station to the display device. The scheduling information in *Alexander* displayed by the independent windows is not associated with a television broadcast program nor does it indicate supplemental information which supplements a television broadcast program displayed on a display device as in the claimed invention. Conversely, the claimed invention displays a television broadcast program and symbolic labels associated with that broadcast on a display device where a viewer can obtain additional information about the television broadcast by highlighting the corresponding symbolic label on the display device.

For at least these reasons, *Alexander* does not disclose, teach or suggest the elements of amended claim 1. Therefore, amended claim 1 and claims 2-7 which depend from amended claim 1, are each patentably distinguished over *Alexander* and are in condition for allowance.

Amended claims 8, 9, 10, 19 and 20 include certain similar elements to amended claim 1. Therefore, for at least the reasons provided above for amended claim 1, amended claims 8, 9, 10, 19 and 20, and claims 11-18 which depend from amended claim 10, are each patentably distinguished over *Alexander* and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the obviousness rejection in view of *Alexander* should be withdrawn.

Claims 16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Alexander* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,561,708 to Remillard ("*Remillard*"). Claims 16 and 18 depend from amended claim 10. Therefore, claims 16 and 18 are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to amended claim 10 because the combination of *Alexander* and *Remillard* does not disclose, teach or suggest the novel elements of claims 16 and 18 in combination with the novel elements of amended claim 10.

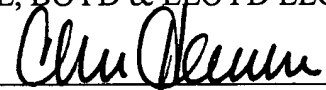
In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-20 and new claims 21-26 are patentable over the art of record because neither *Alexander* nor *Remillard*, nor the combination of these references, disclose, teach or suggest all of the elements of these claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-20 and new claims 21-26 be deemed allowable at this time and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

No fees are due in this case. If any other fees are due in connection with this Application as a whole, the Patent Office is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 02-1818. If such withdrawal is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (112857-061) on the account statement.

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